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The date on the slip on which your name is printed, tells when your subscription runs out. Keep an eye on it.

ANOTHER CONSIDERATION.

It will be well for our Southern brethren to reflect that "war prices" mean not only high prices for meat and breadstuffs, but they mean also low prices for cotton. If war in Europe improves the corn and pork market and depresses the cotton market, war in America will do so in a still greater degree. In the South in a condition to meet a large advance in the prices of flour and bacon, coupled with a ruinous fall in that of her principal staple? If so, she is taking the proper course to bring on that state of affairs.

ILLINOIS MILITIA.

We trust that Gov. YATES will not omit to recommend to the Legislature a reorganization of the Illinois militia under the provisions of the State Constitution—the enrollment to be commenced at the call of the executive. It may not be necessary to bring them into service; it probably will not be. But it is desirable to be in readiness to respond to any call from the President of the United States "to suppress insurrection or repel invasion," and it is especially desirable that all things be done decently and in order. In this country the law which the people have made is *everything*, and with the law firmly at their backs men have been accustomed to believe that they can do *anything*. All persons are equally interested in preserving the supremacy of the law, and the Northwest, threatened with deprivation of her great channel of commerce, is peculiarly interested. If it shall become necessary for us, in the words of Mr. Vallandigham, of Ohio, to "cleave our way to the ocean with the sword," let it be done under the forms of legal enactment.

SENATOR DOUGLAS.

The telegraph advises us that Mr. Douglas has proclaimed his intention, in the Senate Crisis Committee, to act in the present emergency as though he had never made a public record, never uttered a political speech, never cast a vote in Congress. This is substantially the language of the dispatch. We take it there is no doubt that this signifies his support of the Crittenden "Compromise," *establishing slavery by law* in all Territories south of 36 deg. 30 min., and not by law merely, but by Constitutional amendment! We had hoped for better things than this at the hands of a man backed up by nearly a million and a half of votes, cast in direct opposition to this principle. Not even the Brookinridge party contended for protection to slavery by the *Constitution*. They had not the assurance to ask for anything better than the protection of Congress; and on this limited issue they carried only one-third of the Democracy of the nation. What does it mean?

The following is the clause in the Constitution which authorizes amendments and prescribes the manner in which they shall be made:

Constitution of the United States—Article V. Section 1.—"The Congress, whenever *two-thirds* of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on application of the Legislatures of *two-thirds* of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of *three-fourths* of the several States, or by conventions of three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress: *Provided* that no amendment, which may be made prior to the year 1808, shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article, [concerning the African slave trade, and direct taxation]; and that no State without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate."

It need not be apprehended that the proposed amendment will ever get through *this* bridge. The withdrawal of the South Carolina members will add much to the difficulty of securing two-thirds of the House of Representatives—a difficulty quite insurmountable to begin with. But if it be deemed a possible thing to secure 44 votes in the Senate and 156 in the House for such a measure—requiring *six* Republican votes in the former body, and *thirty-eight* in the latter, (South Carolina being out)—does any one suppose that eight Northern States can be induced to ratify it? We have no objection to seeing it tried. We venture the assertion that the whole Federal Government, and all the members of Congress, of all political shades, cannot procure the assent of one free State this side of the Rocky Mountains to so monstrous a proposition.

In the Gall of Bitterness.

The appointment of Judge Bates to a seat in the new Cabinet seems to have rankled against a very bad ulcer in one quarter. The Saturday evening *Times* of this city, has the following notice of the event. The public will remember that the *Times*, under its present management, was advertised to abstain from the use of all epithets and all language which could be personally offensive in respect-able circles:

"LINCOLN'S CABINET.—The very organization of a sectional party almost inevitably begets disunion. The meanness and cowardly concessions of the Republican press since the election, have rendered their game of dissolution almost a fixed fact. There was, however, one insult more that might wring the heart of every citizen, and which they could not forbear to offer. They could at least indulge them-selves in one more insult by rewarding southern traitors. The telegraph brings strong assurance that the poor old, imbecile, feeble-soul Buchanan, of Missouri, is to be foisted on the country as a *Southern* member of the Cabinet! One more step, and the last inhuman indignity to the Southern people will have been consummated by a malignant sectional majority. Let Lincoln add the names of Cassius M. Clay and John Minor Botts, and human malice can go no further."

The Popular Vote.

We have collected with much care the following table, giving the complete vote for President at the recent election. It will be found nearer accurate than any table which has appeared.

States.	Lincoln.	Douglas.	Bell.	Breck.	Fu'n.
California		15,640	37,999	33,931	
Connecticut		43,837	30,059	15,431	
Delaware	3,291	7,339	3,173	8,277	
Illinois	172,171	160,215	4,913	2,331	
Indiana	139,033	115,509	5,306	12,294	
Iowa	70,302	55,639	1,526	1,035	
Maine	62,655	35,544	66,059	6,368	
Maryland	2,294	5,966	41,760	42,511	
Massachusetts	106,684	34,370	22,331	5,939	991
Michigan	88,480	65,057	805		
Minnesota	34,334	11,920	41	77	
New Hampshire	37,519	25,880	25,540	441	
New Jersey	58,346	58,801	58,372	1,347	
New York	362,646	312,510	15,434	29,119	
Ohio	231,709	187,232	12,194	11,406	
Oregon	5,329	4,114	183	5,067	
Pennsylvania	268,030	16,765	12,776		178,423
Rhode Island	12,244	2,707			
Vermont		11,281	69,210	6,033	
Wisconsin	86,113	65,021	161	888	
	1,857,598	1,009,521	573,430	669,580	603,552

POPULAR OPPOSITION.

Lincoln	1,857,598	Breckinridge	669,580
Douglas	1,009,521	Fusion	603,552
	573,430		
		Total	4,038,797

Lincoln over Douglas 281,823; over Breckinridge 847,018. All others over Lincoln 948,991.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUSION VOTE.

We put the opposition vote to Breckinridge in Texas in the Fusion column—not because there was a fusion ticket run there, but because the *New Orleans Delta* gives the total of the Bell and Douglas vote in Texas at 15,438.

The following are the estimated proportions in which the Fusion vote would probably have been cast for the opposition candidates running separately, instead of on a Fusion Electoral ticket:

	Doug.	Breck.	Bell.	Total.
Connecticut	920	950	199	2,069
New Jersey	38,801	9,000	10,000	57,801
New York	23,000	23,843	64,340	313,750
Texas	1,438		14,000	15,438
Pennsylvania	138,435	38,000		176,426
	200,851	71,493	88,447	565,932

Adding these votes to the aggregates cast directly for each candidate, as per table, we have the following result in the whole Union:

Lincoln	1,871,598	Breckinridge	747,493
Douglas	1,409,153	Bell	681,997
			4,809,741

Lincoln's proportion of vote is about ..... 40 9 cent.
Douglas " " " ..... 30 "
Breckinridge's " " " ..... 16 "
Bell's " " " ..... 14 "

VOTE IN THE FREE STATES.

For Lincoln	1,814,598	Breckinridge	177,493
For Douglas	1,343,333	Bell	147,997
Total North & western vote			3,411,331

VOTE OF THE SLAVE STATES.

Lincoln	57,181	Breckinridge	569,959
Douglas	65,487	Bell	514,700
Total in Slave States			1,378,198
Lincoln beats Douglas in the Union			462,158
Lincoln beats Breckinridge			1,154,063
Lincoln beats Fu'n the Union			1,202,026
All others beat Lincoln in the Union			946,961

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The North United Against Secession—Senator Johnson's Speech—Progress of Treason in the Cabinet, etc., etc.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1860.

The palpable drift of public sentiment here is a union of Northern men to maintain the Union, and a union of slaveholders to destroy it. All the Free State members are not yet united on any line of policy; but a large majority of the Northern Democrats intimate that they are for coercive measures to enforce the laws, and collect the revenues. Meetings have been held by most of the delegations from the Free States, and they have pretty unanimously come to the conclusion that the Union must be preserved by force if assailed by force; and that secession is rebellion, and rebellion is treason. Seven of the nine Illinois members had an interview, in a parlor of the National, to compare views and ascertain how far they were prepared to act together in the present crisis. The meeting was entirely harmonious. Each member expressed the opinion that the Union must be preserved, let the cost of blood and treasure be what it may. It may surprise some of your readers to learn that Logan, who represents Lower Egypt, is as strong a Union man as there is in the delegation. Another meeting of the Illinois members is talked of, at which it is hoped that both Senators and Representatives will all be present.

The outline of the plan of dealing with the Disunionists may be stated thus: The Government to refuse to receive or acknowledge the proposed Commissioners from the rebellious States—pay no more attention to them than to private individuals. 2d. To place naval vessels in sufficient force in the harbors of all the insurgent ports to prevent any merchant vessels from foreign ports landing goods without first paying the regular duties. 3d. To reinforce the various United States forts in said ports. 4th. If the mob on shore shall capture any of them, they must be driven out, and dealt with for high treason against the Federal Government. The forts are the property of the United States, and must not be surrendered to lawless men. 5th. If the present acts of Congress do not confer on the President sufficient power to protect the public property of the Government and collect the revenues, the President must convene an extra session of Congress and ask them to pass a force bill similar to that enacted at the request of Gen. Jackson to put down nullification. 6th. If the rebellious States refuse to send members to Congress, let them stay away until they become tired of that game. If they refuse to allow Federal officers to deliver their mails, let them be discontinued, and the same with the District Courts, and Federal Marshals; these are all provided for the benefit of the States; they are not burden, upon them, but valuable benefits conferred; a large cost to the National Treasury. 7th. If the insurgents persist in their nullification and rebellion against the Government, then their seaport towns must be declared to be no longer ports of entry, and a strict blockade shall be maintained, preventing all vessels, foreign or domestic, from entering. This will soon bring the fire-eaters to terms. All their cotton and other products will be obliged to seek a market in the loyal States, and be shipped abroad from their ports; and all goods which they are obliged to purchase, will have to be obtained in the same way. 8th. Foreign nations will be notified to observe the doctrine of non-intervention in the internal affairs of this nation, which is now a recognized principle of European public law. Foreign powers will be informed that this is a family matter of Uncle Sam's, in which some of the boys are misbehaving, and that he is restoring discipline and obedience in the family, and will tolerate no interference in his business by outsiders; and none is apprehended. The public sentiment of France, England, Germany and Italy, is strong in condemnation of the conduct of the fire-eaters, who will get no sympathy or assistance from any civilized nation in the world. And they are beginning to see and appreciate this very important fact.

The Government will stand on the defensive. It will not make war on a State, or march an army to seize the capital of any State. It will resist the assaults of the rebels as individuals, and enforce its revenue laws against all organized mobs. If the insurgents march an armed force to seize this capital, they must be met with a superior force and dispersed, and such of the ringleaders as may be captured will be liable to be hung as traitors.

By steadily and resolutely pursuing the course here indicated, the insurgents will soon exhaust themselves and be obliged to give up the contest. They will not have credit to borrow a dollar, save by *forced* loans from their confederates. Their commerce will shortly be utterly bankrupt. Cut off from the sea; without money or credit; no prospect of relief; fighting at a disadvantage; discontent among the planters; insubordination among the slaves, and distress among the poor classes, they will be driven, by the desperate condition in which they have placed themselves, to retire their rebellion, and return, like the prodigal son, to their father's house. They will be kindly received when they come home again from their wanderings; an amnesty act will be passed, and their disobedience will be forgiven. The loyal, patriotic men stand firm together in defense of the Union as it is, and all will come out right.

Senator Johnson, of Tennessee, made a speech in the Senate, yesterday, that produced as much sensation as that of Wade's, on Monday. He took the strongest kind of Union ground. He denied the right of secession in fact, and pronounced it rebellion and treason.

The States delegated powers named in the Constitution, and Congress could enforce them; but in doing so it did not become the oppressor. The State whica resisted them became the aggressor; and when the Federal Government failed to carry out these powers, it ceased to be a government. He quoted Jackson, Webster, Justice Marshall and others to show that a State had not a constitutional right to secede from the Union, without the consent of all the States. The Constitution was intended to be perpetual, and to that end provision was made for its own amendment, its improvement and its continuance.

It was also submitted to the States for ratification, and power given to Congress to admit new States. So we had in the Constitution, first, the means of creating the government; secondly, means of perpetuating it; and third, the power to enlarge it. But no power was given to dissolve it.

He read from Mr. Madison's letter to Webster in 1832, showing that such was his position. Jefferson, in his letters on this subject, pointed with the unerring finger of philosophy to the fact that each State must furnish in proportionate amount to the treasury.

He cited the case of the excise law of 1795 during the rebellion in Pennsylvania, when Gen. Washington was the President, and when he enforced the laws and put down the rebellion with a militia force of 15,000 men—the constitutional army. He quoted from Gen. Washington's views on that rebellion, showing that he had the right to enforce the laws of the United States, and that he regarded the Union as indispensable.

The public sentiment of France, England, Germany and Italy, is strong in condemnation of the conduct of the fire-eaters, who will get no sympathy or assistance from any civilized nation in the world. And they are beginning to see and appreciate this very important fact.

As to the present case, he would inquire if the federal government had not the power to enforce its laws in South Carolina as much as it had in Pennsylvania, Vermont, or in any other State? He thought it had; and notwithstanding the ordinance of secession which South Carolina might pass, it did not relieve her from her obedience to the United States, or from the compact which she entered into. The compact was reciprocal. If South Carolina drove the courts of the United States out of the State, the federal government had the right to reinstate them there.

If the State resisted the passage of the mails the government could insist on their protection, and so with the collection of the revenue. If that State captured the forts of the United States, the federal government had the right to retake them. If that State did all of these she was clearly in the wrong, and it was the duty of the federal government to see that the laws were faithfully executed. But in December, 1858, South Carolina ceded to the United States all of the forts and the land, not exceeding two acres for each fort, upon which the federal government has faithfully complied with. After this deed of cession, had that State the right to expel the federal government from its own property? If she does this, she violates the laws of the United States, and within the meaning of the Constitut on levies war, and this was treason!

Madison, Jefferson, Webster and Washington had denounced this doctrine; and if South Carolina set up a government for her self, and made an alliance with European powers, and had interests inimical to our own, she could be conquered by this government and held as a province. Hisses and applause. There is a statute of Congress which declares that the general government looks with suspicion and disfavor on the acquisition of any territory within the limits of the United States by any foreign power. Yet if a State secede she becomes a foreign power within our borders.

And can the other States permit that? Furthermore if the doctrine of secession be true, then California, which cost the United States the sum of one hundred and thirty millions, could go out of the Union whenever she might please, and the Union could get no redress. Ten millions was paid to Texas for New Mexico; fifteen was paid for Louisiana, which was done not for the sake of Louisiana, but for the free passage of the Mississippi, as an indispensable necessity to the great family of the Western States of this Union. Florida cost the Government for the original purchase and driving out the Indians, two dollars for every acre within her limits. Was all that to be lost? Would the Federal Government which had bought and fought for, here permit a few thousand malcontents take her out of the Union? Hardly. Mr. Johnson wanted to know whether after seceding, those States would not become territories again of the United States, to be governed as such, and readmitted into the Union at the pleasure of Congress at some future time, when they had learned to behave themselves? He threw out the suggestion for their serious consideration and hoped they would duly ponder upon it.

Governor Johnson then read several extracts from speeches and letters of Governor Gist and Mr. Keitt going to show that the policy of South Carolina is solitary and selfish, and as utterly hostile to the Northern Slave States as the policy of the most violent Abolitionists. Tennessee will not be coerced, nor will she be dragged along in the pathway chosen by South Carolina. Were he an abolitionist, and desired to deal an utter overthrow against the institution of slavery, the very first act he should perform would be to further the dissolution of the Union. It is the Union that forms the chief support and guarantee of slavery; for, when the Union goes, slavery is far on the road to its abolishment. What sort of government that of the Southern Confederacy would be? It was said it was to be consolidated, with all State lines obliterated; but if the States were to continue 32 States there should be such consolidary laws established that no State should be allowed to change her own institutions but by the permission of three-fourths of the other States. He then read a number of extracts from various southern quarters, going to prove the aristocratic or monarchical tendencies of the leaders of the South. He deemed these as surface indications of more that is below. But he never would consent to any form of government less Democratic than the one we live under. The men who now threaten disunion admit that had Mr. Breckinridge been elected, they would not undertake to break up the Union. On what principle could they justify themselves in doing so because another candidate was successful? Lincoln had been duly elected according to the terms of the Constitut on; why should the Union be broken up rather than that he should take his place? If objection was made that both President and Vice President were chosen from the same section, had not the Republicans a precedent in the case of Gen. Jackson and Mr. Calhoun, who were both from the same section? Did any body propose to break up the Union then and on that account?

Mr. Johnson appealed to the people of the Southern States to be satisfied with their present Government, and rather suffer whatever might be the ills they now complain of, than fly to others that they know not of. For himself, he should hold on to the Government and this Confederacy, which was quite good enough for him, for it was good enough for Washington, for Jefferson, and the long array of glorious names who had shed lustre on our history.

The speech elicited frequent and hearty applause from the floor and galleries. The Union men warmly congratulated him on his patriotic position; but the fire-eaters scowled at him with fiendish looks, and muttered curses on his head. Some of the Northern Democratic Senators were delighted. Senator Fitch, of Indiana, subscribed for 10,000 copies of the speech and gave his unqualified approbation. He is going to make a speech shortly, taking the same, or even bolder grounds in behalf of the maintenance of the Union in its geographical integrity. Etheridge, of Tennessee, is preparing a speech, which will fully back up Gov. Johnson. The Disunionists will have trouble before they seduce the land of Jackson from loyalty to the Union.

Meanwhile, the President and his Cabinet are pushing along the work of secession night and day. Secretary Thompson has received permission to leave his post here and go to North Carolina (not Maryland, as I stated in a former letter, by mistake,) and as a commissioner from the secessionists of Mississippi, to endeavor to drag the conservative old North State into rebellion. He is there now tampering with the loyal feelings of her people, and drawing pay as Secretary of the Interior from the Treasury of the United States. He is doing this by permission of the President, who is sworn to maintain the Constitution and preserve the Union. More than one hundred clerks in the departments have mounted the blue cockade and gone South on leave of absence, to help stir up insurrection and rebellion, and their pay goes on the same as if they were here attending to their business! Secretary of War, Floyd, is working large gangs of laborers in strengthening the forts in Charleston harbor. Deep ditches are dug, walls are repaired, guns are mounted and the best engineering art is employed to render them invulnerable when garrisoned with the proper number of soldiers to work the guns and defend the embrasures. But he is careful not to send any reinforcements of troops to defend these important works. He is doubtless preparing them a federal expense for occupation by the rebels, and placing them in such condition that it will cost the general government at a heavy loss of life to retake them. Great efforts are being made to swerve Maryland from her loyalty. Last night Hon. A. H. Handy, treason commissioner from Alabama, addressed a large crowd in Baltimore in favor of secession and a purely slaveholding confederacy. The organ of the Virginia disunionists—the Richmond *Enquirer*—concludes an article in its issue of yesterday, on the subject of sending commissioners to the cotton States, with the following recommendations:

Let the first convention, then, be held between Maryland and Virginia, and those two States agreeing, *let them provide sufficient force to protect the city of Washington*, and if coercion is to be resisted, let it begin with subjugating the States of Maryland and Virginia. Thus practical and efficient fighting in the Union will prevent the powers of the Union from falling into the hands of our enemies. We hope Virginia will despatch her commissioners to Maryland first, and, *provided the permanent seizure of Washington and Old Fuller, Ferry and Gosport navy-yard, present these two Stat es in the attitude of rebels, resisting coercion.* This was the way Patrick Henry brought about the revolution, and this is the best use that Virginia can make of commissioners of any kind.

It is said that there is a secret force of K. G. C.'s in this city numbering 300 men, who drill nights, having the same thing in view, to prevent the inauguration of Lincoln on the 4th of March. I am not prepared to give the statement full credit as yet, though many persons do. If there are any readers of the *Tribune* who suppose that the Cotton States would accept any terms of compromise, which it were possible for the free States to offer, let them consider the spirit of the following dispatch from Alabama to South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 19, 1860.

Secession Convention being in session:—The chair read a letter from John A. Elmore, commissioner from Alabama, enclosing a telegraphic dispatch from Governor Moore, dated Montgomery, Dec. 17th, as follows:

To John A. Elmore, Esq.: "Tell the convention to *listen to no propositions of compromise or delay.* The reading of the dispatch was greeted with applause.

This feeling animates the breasts of the whole population of the Cotton States who want to re-open the African Slave-trade, found a grand Slaveholding empire with a king's standing army, titled nobility, nigger aristocracy and a big thing generally. CHICAGO.

THE CITY.

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New Year's Address.

$35 will be paid by the DAILY TRIBUNE for the best written New Year's Address, of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty lines, to be sent in by the 26th of December. Rejected addresses returned if desired. Address G. R. BRADBURY,
Tribune office, Chicago.

CHICAGO MUSICAL UNION.—The Musical Union will meet in the Lecture Room of the First Baptist Church on this evening.

MINSTRELSY.—Messrs. Craven & Baker's Burlesque Opera Troupe give three concerts at Kingsbury Hall, commencing this evening.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.—The managers of the Protestant Orphan Asylum will be pleased to see the public and friends of the institution there on Christmas day as heretofore.

A THIEF CAUGHT.—On Friday night the basement of No. 202 State street was entered and a barrel of quails, valued at $35, the property of Louis Lippe, carried off by some party unknown.

SAY YOU.—If you want to get a good cigar for holiday smoking, go to Ned Orband's Tremont House cigar and news stand, and while you pick up Atlantic and Harper for January, inquire for the Espanolas, or the *El Sol*.

MOZART'S 12TH, MASS.—The choir of St. Mary's (Bishop's) Church, Wabash Avenue, will sing Mozart's 12th Mass on Christmas morning at half past ten, o'clock. At 3 P. M., Vespers, Norvello's Magnificent Zingarelli's Laudate and other popular pieces will be sung.

NORRIS & HYDE.—This well known News firm have Atlantic for January, a capital number, Harpers, the illustrated papers for the week, late English papers, and a general stock of Holiday literature, at 100 Dearborn street and 102 Madison.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—Mrs. Shay, wife of the late Wm. Shay, seaman, of Chicago, who was lost from he schooner St. Mary in the same gale with the Lady Elgin, returns her humble thanks to those who contributed towards the relief of herself and four children, who were left destitute, unprovided for.

SOUTH SIDE SKATING CLUB.—The opening for the season is fixed for to-night, when the subscribers are invited with their friends to be present. On this occasion tickets of admission are unnecessary. The Directors have used every effort to make this one of the most pleasant, as it is the most healthgiving amusement in the city.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—The Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine has had recently attached to it a Glass Foot. The fabric can be seen as it passes directly under the needle. This is invaluable to the Sewing Machine. It is attached to the present make of Wheeler & Wilson's machines *exclusively*, and without charge. Call upon Mr. Chittenden and examine it.

ATLANTIC FOR JANUARY.—The Atlantic Monthly for January being the first number of the new volume, Vanity Fair for December 22, containing several extra engravings and a Christmas Story by Richard H. Stoddard, and Thurlow Weed's twenty-five cent stereoscopes, to among the latest arrivals at the Book and Periodical Depot of McNally & Co., 51 Dearborn street.

SEASONABLE.—A celebrated Eastern manufacturer has sent to the old established house of Bowen Brothers, a rich assortment of setts of Jewelry to be sold at manufacturers prices. It will be a good investment for Ill., currency.

The same firm have rich Plated goods, Parian statutes, silver card cases, tea-setts, vases, Bohemian and French glass wares, and real French Bronzes, one of the finest stocks in the city.

CHRISTMAS EVE.—The members of the Jefferson Street M. E. Sabbath School, will have a Festival on Christmas Eve, the 24th inst., at their church. Interesting exercises will be held in the audience room, after which there will be a sale of refreshments, fancy and useful articles for the benefit of the school. Exercises to commence at seven o'clock P. M. Admission free.

FREE DISPENSARY.—Dr. Loverin most respectfully announces to the public generally, that in connection with his drug store (173 South Clark street, near the Post Office) is a dispensary, where advice and surgical assistance will be given to the poor, from 9 to 10 A. M. and 2 to 4 P. M. daily, gratis.

N. B.—In no case will the Doctor leave the dispensary during the above hours.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.—In the suit of T. F. Craig, vs. C. & N. W. R. R. Co., for damages resulting from the accident to the Fond du Lac excursion, which had been on trial in the Superior Court, the jury on Saturday afternoon having been out twenty hours, announced that they were unable to agree and were discharged. It is rumored that they "came within one" of a verdict, but "eleven contrary men" stood out.

A MUSCULAR CONVENTION.—A convention is to open at the Metropolitan Gymnasium in the Kingsbury block, on January 7th, the members of which are to go in on their muscle. In accordance with the programme, athletes from all parts of the Union are expected to attend and compete for the prizes, which in all amount to $2,000. The principal cities of the United States where Gymnasiums have been established, will be represented by their strongest men. Dr. Winship, the Day Star Superson, will be in attendance.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT MCVICKERS.—The Misses Ada and Emma Webb commence their engagement at the theatre this evening, and the beautiful fairy extravaganza of "Beauty and the Beast" will be produced for the first time. Whytal, the exquisite scenic artist of the establishment, has been at work for many weeks, and has prepared some beautiful scenes, in the shape of "bowers of roses," "grottoes," "fairy gardens," "palaces," &c. The piece has been adapted to the occasion, with some happy hits at the seceders. It abounds in music, and the popular melody of "Dixie Land" will be sung by all the characters. Miss Ada Webb appears as Beauty, and all the comic talent of the company will assist to make the occasion indeed a festival. Let the manager be rewarded for his enterprise.

A NEW ATTRACTION, SOON TO BE ADDED TO THE ART UNION EXHIBITION.—We understand that the managers of the first Chicago Art Union Distribution and Exhibition, have obtained from Paris the large and original historical painting, representing the "Siege of Yorktown," painted by Henry Le Grand. The picture is twelve feet by ten, and contains a great number of figures. Among the most conspicuous are Washington, Count Rochambeau, (the French general), Lafayette, Baron Steuben, Humphreys, the Marquis of Lanzun, and many other officers and soldiers of both the American and French armies, grouped before the tent of the two Generals-in-Chief. An aid-de-camp is receiving an order from Rochambeau, and departing for the army and Yorktown rests in the distance, while Washington is examining a map of the fortifications presented by an engineer. Mr. Le Grand spent many months upon this great undertaking, having visited the United States expressly to make studies and gather materials to aid him in illustrating the most interesting epoch in American history—the closing scene of the war of independence. It is expected that the siege of Yorktown will be put up at the exhibiting gallery on Christmas, (Tuesday) next—Wednesday following, to be exhibited for the season of several weeks with the many other splendid works collected there.

The Calico Ball.

The preparations for the Calico Ball for the benefit of the Ministry at Large, at Bryan Hall, on Wednesday evening, the night after Christmas, are moving on most promisingly. It will be a brilliant and notable affair in every particular.

The ladies are released for once from any study of fashion plates and long consultations with milliners. All nice discussion of tissues and fabrics is, for one evening, at least, laid aside. All that is necessary in the question of tints is to secure "Fast Colors" and calicoes that will—"wash." There is no restriction as to price, and the managers will have no fault to find, even should figures go as high as eighteen pence per yard, only it may be well to "save the pieces" to go with the dress, and thus be all the more valuable to the recipient. We strongly advise every lady that attends this Ball to secure a strong pair of seasonable, thick-soled shoes, and in most cases, as the design of this ball is to supply the *destitute*, eight in ten of the ladies present will have a perfect right under this Destitution Act, to *keep the shoes themselves*.

The gentlemen are to fully co-operate with the ladies in furthering the object of the evening, and it will be allowable for any of them to make his appearance in a strong serviceable laborer's suit, such as can be purchased at from $3 to $5, and, (unless he wishes to dance), with a stout pair of stogey boots. No money should be wasted in articles which cannot be made valuable and available in the hands of good Mr. Collyer in relieving the poor.

MASONIC.—At the regular meeting of the Kilwinning Lodge F. A. M., No. 311, held at their hall, Dec. 20th, 1860, the following officers were elected; Frank G. Greene, W. M.; Andrew M. Wood, S. W.; Henry Turner, I. W.; Charles Harding, Treasurer; John McMorieus, Secretary; Ely Wood, S. D.; James Fergerson, J. D.; Dugald Stewart, Peter McFarland, Stewards; M. A. Baxter, Tyler. A pleasant feature of the occasion was the presentation for Worshipful Master Greene of a superb gold watch —one of Hoard & Hoes best—a gift most worthily bestowed.

RICH JEWELRY.—One of the finest stocks of jewelry in this city is that offered by A. H. Miller, at No. 120 Lake street, corner of Clark. Mr. Miller is both manufacturer and retailer, and his customers enjoy all the more opportunity for rich bargains. His counters present a glittering array, in an assortment made up for the Holiday trade, worthy the attention of all in search of gifts of a permanent and valuable class. Call and examine Mr. Miller's assortment on this day before Christmas.

☞ Particular attention is called to the splendid collection of Oil Paintings on exhibition, and to be sold at auction this evening by Gilbert & Sampson, No. 82 Lake street.

☞ Closing sale this morning and afternoon of rich Silver and Plated Ware, and Fancy Goods at auction, by Gilbert & Sampson, No. 82 Lake street.

A BUSINESS EDUCATION.—The great value of a business education is now a conceded fact, and hundreds of young men are availing themselves of its advantages. Messrs. Bryant & Stratton, so widely known for their enterprise in the cause of commercial education, have now eight Colleges in successful operation, extending from New York city to St. Louis. These gentlemen have associated with them, men of talent and experience—such as are calculated to give an enduring reputation to their schools; and they have spared nothing in arranging a course of study the most extensive and practical in its nature. A rare evidence of the business character of their manuscript forms, we need only say that they are warmly and specifically endorsed by the first business men in the various cities.

DOANE'S GREAT STAVE MACHINE.—The only *Cylinder* machine in existence, that will make a *perfect* pork barrel. It will complete from 5,000 to 10,000 staves per day! It will earn $100 per day on the Wire staves for the French market. The machines are selling from $2,000 to $5,000 each. See advertisement in another column and send to W. H. DOANE & CO., Chicago, for descriptive circulars.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Messrs. W. H. C. Miller & Co., 93 Clark street, are prepared with one of the largest and best assortment of Jewelry, Silverware, &c., of the latest designs and best workmanship and finish. Their stock is entirely new, and purchasers cannot fail to be satisfied with its extent, beauty and price. They warrant every article to be exactly as represented.

☞ Geo. W. Stevens & Co., 77 Lake street, are as usual, on hand with an immense assortment of Jewelry, Fancy Goods, Silverware, Tea Sets, &c., many of them just opened, to supply the wants of the present season. Do not fail to examine Messrs. S. and Co's. stock previous to purchasing.

P. AND B. HAMS.—Just received from Smoke in Store, number 58 State street, a nice lot of Pork and Beef Hams; also sugar-cured smoked Beef Tongue and Bacon; which is offered for sale to Family Grocery and other retail dealers. dec8-tf

RELIEF FOR THE WORTHY POOR.—A special meeting of the City Tract Society is called for this (Monday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, to devise means of relief for the worthy poor, in connection with the Industrial Schools, and the Mission Sabbath Schools.

E. F. DICKINSON, Sec'y.

☞ Christmas presents, useful and elegant, will be found in variety, at Sargent's Apothecary, corner of Randolph and State sts.

☞ Butters & Co. sell a large and desirable stock of *Dry-Goods*, Buck Gloves, &c., this morning, at the Sales Room, on Dearborn street.

☞ G. M. Harvey has just received a splendid lot of Oval Gilt Frames for Photographs and Oil Paintings, which for richness and beauty are not equaled in the city. Call at 117 Lake street, over Wilson, Hoard & Hoes Jewelry Store, and examine before purchasing elsewhere, as these frames will be sold at the lowest possible rates at retail or at wholesale. dec22-tf

$150 REWARD.—L. Cornell & Co., at 133 Lake street, up stairs, are paying the above reward every week, $5 to each person who most judiciously purchases one of their Taggart & Parr Family or Manufacturing Sewing Machines for a holiday gift. Only $30 for a Machine, Hemmer, Gauger, and all —fully licensed. Manufacturing Shuttle Machines, 15 by 10 inches under the arm, fastening its own ends, at $40, for carpet trimming, tailoring and all kinds of manufacturing. dec7-2m

AN IMPROVEMENT.—The Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine has had recently attached to it a Glass Foot. The fabric can be seen as it passes directly under the needle. This is invaluable to the Sewing Machine. It is attached to the present make of Wheeler & Wilson's machines *exclusively*, and without charge.

Call upon Mr. Chittenden and examine it. dec22-2tt

CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
CHICAGO, Dec. 15, 1860.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—The attention of tax-payers is called to the following extract from the statute of Charter:

"SEC. 60. If, from any cause, the taxes and assessments charged in said collection warrants are not collected or paid on the lands or lots described in such warrants, on or before the first Tuesday in January ensuing the date of said warrants, it shall be the duty of the Collector to prepare and deliver a report thereof to some court of general jurisdiction to be held in Chicago, at any vacation, special or general term thereof, for judgment against the lands, lots and parcels of land, for the amount of taxes, assessments, interest and costs respectively due thereon."

Therefore notice is hereby given, that the City Collector's Office will be open for the receiving of taxes, without costs, until the night of Tuesday, January 1st next; but after that date it will be CLOSED until the report can be prepared and filed with the Court for judgment, wherein no interest and costs will be charged.

JOHN HABER,
City Collector, No. 14 Court House.

CHICAGO, December 24, 1860. dec24-3t

☞ Gas Fixtures, New Goods and New Styles—prices to suit the times, at H. M. Wilmarth's, 72 South Clark street. dec19-12t

☞ The best beverage in this town, or any other, is Sands' Pa's Cream Ale. Try it, friend; get a cask for your family; go to a first class saloon and get a glass. Get it, drink it; get Sands' Ale, honestly if you can, but—get Sands' Ale. dec21-2t

☞ Call on DuBois, at 159 Dearborn street, basement of Portland Block, and get your Sign Paint done cheaply. dec19-24t

☞ Go to John Jones's, 119 Harbor street, and get your clothes cleaned and repaired. dec17-settlement

☞ All should not fail to read the sh of Prof. Wood in to-day's paper. sad-17

WHEELER AND WILSON'S FAMILY SEWING MACHINES for a CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENT.—A very appropriate and economical of a father to his daughter, a son to his brother, a husband to his wife, a brother to his sister, or a church to its pastor. This is a life-time gift.

Geo. R. Chittenden, General Agent for Illinois, Wisconsin and Northern Indiana, 137 and 139 Lake street. dec19-21t

☞ Silver Plated Goods 10 per cent. cheaper than any other house, see Hamblen & Co.'s advertisement.

New Advertisements.

C. H. SCRIVEN, *Advertising Agent*, 63 *Dearborn st., is authorized to receive Advertisements for this and all the leading Papers of the Northwest.*

CORN WANTED.—I will pay the highest mark Prices for 4,000 Bushels Corn on the car, delivered on

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1860.

RECENT PROPOSITION.

It is very modestly proposed, by the Secession Convention now sitting in Charleston, to permit the United States to carry the mails in that State, while she (the State) grabs the revenues arising from foreign commerce. We like that, and so will our readers when we tell them that the transportation of the mails in South Carolina costs, over and above the receipts, the annual sum of $211,333, while the revenues collected at her ports are a trifle less than $300,000. This proposition to make the United States contribute about half a million of dollars yearly for the support of secession and treason, is one that will be received with little favor by the incoming Administration, how much so ever it may commend it self to that imbecile old driveller now in the Presidential chair.

PREMIUMS ON FILIBUSTERING.

Regarding it as a party measure, we demonstrated yesterday the rank unfairness and injustice of Senator Crittenden's proposed amendment to the Constitution, whereby all the Territory south of 36 deg. 30 min. is to be irrevocably devoted to Slavery, under the control and protection of the American Congress. We showed that that question of a Congressional Slave Code had just been submitted to the people, and that they had decided against it by a majority of not less than two millions of votes. We to-day divest the questions involved of all party considerations, and prove that the amendment will be terribly mischievous, if not nearly fatal, is its operation—at once inimical to the national peace and a certain provocative of ills ten-fold greater than those against which the country now contends.

If, after the privilege of buying and selling men and working them without pay, there is anything which the people of the Cotton States are contending for, it is the extension of slavery into the semi-tropical countries which lie on the Southern border of our national domain. They are impelled to it by the supposed necessities of the institution itself which is improvident and wasteful, and by the desire to add new slave-holding States to the Union as accessions to their now waning political power. They fear, and with some justice, that servile labor will so exhaust and impoverish the soil of the now slave States, that it will become unprofitable and compel the abandonment of the system; and they know that the rapid progress and development of the North now furnish a basis of government which will hereafter make that section respected if it does not absolutely give law to the Republic. These considerations are ever present in the calculations of Southern politicians. They enter into the organization of parties and largely influence and to a great extent control the election of Presidents and the appointment of Cabinets. Let us now suppose that this amendment proposed by Mr. Crittenden becomes a part of the fundamental law, that all territory south of 36 deg. 30 min. is given up to slavery—the filibustering would at once begin. New and more powerful expeditions would be fitted out for the rich and fertile States of Central America. Predatory bands would swarm on the Texas frontier, ready upon a word of encouragement to crowd over into Mexico, and, upon the plea of protecting the Border from the ravages of the Indians, seize upon and hold as many provinces as they could occupy. Sonora and Lower California would be overrun and by and by annexed; and wherever, south of the division line between freedom and slavery, an inch could be gained, that inch would be had. Agitation for Cuba would at once begin, and before three years had elapsed, we should be at war with half the world.

Nothing but the wholesome fear that the North would never consent to the enslavement of any part of Mexico, has, during the last ten years, maintained the integrity of that Republic. Take away that fear by embodying in the Constitution a provision that territory south of the dividing line shall be slave territory, and there is no power in the government that will be able to prevent the encroachments upon our neighbors that we have pointed out.

Now, who supposes that all this can be done without new and more alarming political convulsions? Who supposes that the Free-soil sentiment of the North is so dead, by reason of its recent victory that it would not remonstrate against what the Cotton States would surely attempt? Who supposes that the rapacity and greed of Slavery is so abated by defeat that it would not move all the powers of earth and hell to accomplish its purpose? And who is simple enough to believe that its desires could be baulked without its resorting to the treasonable threats and practices which are now convulsing the country from Maine to Georgia?

No, Mr. Crittenden, it is too late to offer premiums to filibustering. The country desires peace, not as the result of some wretched compromise, that will not outlast the occasion which gave it birth; but peace on an enduring basis of equality and justice. It wants to offer no new temptations to the lawlessness of Slavery. It desires no tampering with the Constitution which has wrought so glorious a work in this American Republic. Our territory, as it is, the Constitution and the laws as they are written, and the Union as the fathers made it—these are the points upon which no compromise can be made.

PRESIDENTIAL PIETY AND PATRIOTISM.

The piety of our venerable President is equalled only by his patriotism. None who have ever read his Pittsburgh letter, can have forgotten how redolent was that famous document of both these exalted qualities. The odor of sanctity breathed from it as from the swinging censer of a priest; and its unselfish devotion to his country reminded one of the early Roman pattern. His pure spirit seemed literally to groan under the contemplation of progressive national corruption and possible national decay. True, there was rather an awkward commentary on this "Epistle to the Pittsburghers," when that other famous letter came to light in which he "submitted to the consideration" of his Secretary the propriety of awarding a government contract to the highest instead of the lowest bidder, with an avowed view to the election of a Democratic Congressman from Philadelphia. The public homily lost something of its savor when read under the new gloss. But what would you have? *Noblesse oblige*, say the French; and our virtuous President, reversing the proverb, could plead that his unlucky note was written under stress of party and bad political weather.

His recent message, too, has an air of "abounding grace." He avers distinctly that his "prayer to God is, that He would "preserve the Constitution and the Union "throughout all generations." Now, this not only shows that Mr. Buchanan prays, but that he has a faith so astounding as to be able to pray for the preservation of what he is doing all in his power to destroy. There are also in the message several distinct acknowledgments of his duty to "God and his country," which show with what even throb the two sentiments of which we have spoken pulsate in the Presidential bosom. But unfortunately, even amid all this combined odor of sanctity and patriotism, an evil minded person may find ground for carping. He might aver that the perversions of truth in this official document are nothing less than astounding, and the logic which proves in one breath that States have no right to secede, but that the Federal Government has no right to prevent them, deserves to be ranked, as an intellectual feat, with those which have made the schoolmen famous.

But we have another instance of the President's spasmodic piety. He has, by proclamation, appointed the 4th of January as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, adding the comforting remark that "hope "seems to have deserted the minds of men, "and God's arm alone can save us from "the awful effects of our crimes and follies." Now, the propriety of holding a day of national prayer, none can question. Undoubtedly, as a people, while we have waxed in power we have waned in grace, and it is greatly to be hoped that the day may universally observed as one of humiliation. While we of the North are confessing our short-comings, it may be well for Southern Doctors of Divinity to consider whether we really are *atheistic* because we did not believe slavery divine.

But while the President's proclamation was eminently proper, people wonder in reading it, whether he has forgotten a bit of literature known to all school-boys, touching Hercules and the Wagoner. True Æsop was a slave, and his fable may be considered by the Presidential intellect as an "incendiary publication." The President, however, should remember that its lesson is for the Gods help those who help themselves"—is taught as well in Christian ethics; and if he really desires to save the Union, the best thing he can possibly do, is to make a vigorous use of the powers of his office. Let him remember that "Providence is generally on the side of the strongest battalions."

Seriously, when we see the President deliberately refusing the demand for re-inforcements of the commander of Fort Moultrie, left with sixty-six men to hold his post against the entire force of South Carolina; when we see General Scott urging the granting of the requisition, and Cass absolutely resigning, because it is refused; and when we further remember that the President directs the commanding officer to defend the fort, while he withholds from him all means of doing so; and thus condemns him and his garrison to choose between an ignominious surrender or certain destruction, in the event of an outbreak, we are forced to ask, Is he a traitor? Is he mad? Or, is he merely a pusillanimous coward? Mr. Buchanan came into power with a certain reputation for conservatism, ability, and pride of personal character. Never did reputation more signally crumble under the responsibilities of office. While preaching hypocritical homilies about political virtue, he has used his high station to debauch our political morals. His State papers have been most remarkable for their contemptuous disregard of truth. His policy has been one of brutality to the weak and subservience to the strong. He tyrannizes over Kansas and cowers before Carolina. He has not even been faithful to his private friends. He began by sacrificing Forney, to whom he owed so much, and courting Bennett, who had been the most bitter of his detractors. And now, at the close of his career, we see him stipulating with South Carolina traitors, that, if they will refrain from interference with the forts of the United States while his term of office lasts, he will leave these forts defenceless, to be wrested, an easy prey, from the hands of his successor.

Mr. Buchanan was born too late. He might have made a respectable Greek of the Lower Empire. He would have been a fair confederate of the Borgias. Or he might have shone in the court of the Spanish Bourbons at the end of the last century. But may Heaven deliver our politics from his parallel in future.

THE ROCK ISLAND BRIDGE.

In April, 1856, a company of capitalists, having previously obtained a charter to build a bridge across the Mississippi at or near Rock Island, completed their work, and since then a noble structure has connected the Rock Island with the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad. By this bridge the people of Iowa have free access to the seaboard, without the delay and the expense, and often the danger, of crossing the Mississippi by the old methods. It is besides well understood that the bridge is an essential link in the Pacific Railway, which in a very few years is to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific coast, and on which the commerce of the world will flow, in one endless and ever increasing stream. Such are the objects for which the bridge was built, and if now, besides its value to its owners, it is mainly of importance to the commerce of the two great States which it connects, its permanent maintenance must very soon become a matter of national necessity.

But while all the States north of the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, between the Atlantic and the Pacific, and especially all the great east and west lines of railway in those States, are deeply interested in maintaining the right to bridge the Mississippi and all its tributaries, another interest, second only in importance to the first, clamors with unceasing energy for the destruction of the Rock Island bridge. From the fact that the cities upon the Mississippi have grown rich by holding a monopoly of its trade, they have united, with St. Louis at their head, to compass the removal of the bridge, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in efforts to accomplish their selfish, not to say wicked, purpose. No great public improvement in this country was ever before forced to fight so powerful an interest, and had not the right to remain where it is, been clear and impressive, it would long since have been forced to yield to such persevering and powerful opponents. We have before us a book of two hundred and fifty pages, containing an abstract of the evidence and the pleadings in a single law suit, only one of many it has been forced to defend. In this trial every fact for and against the bridge which could be developed, both by experience and by science, was adduced, and the decision was made strongly in favor of the bridge company. One case was carried before the Supreme Court of the United States, and the decision of Judge McLean sustained the right of the bridge to remain where it is. The point decided was in substance, that where two great lines of commerce cross each other, neither has the right of way to the exclusion of the other; but each must yield something of convenience, in order that the public welfare may be promoted. In the various trials and persecutions to which the owners of the bridge have been subjected, it has become sufficiently evident that the opposition arises, not from its being an obstruction to navigation; but from the fact that it is there. That is the source of all the trouble. It destroys the monopoly which, for half a century, St. Louis has held of the trade of the Upper Mississippi, and hence her Chamber of Commerce have not only spent freely their own loose change in their efforts to destroy the bridge, but they have had their agents and stool pigeons begging in all the cities between St. Paul and New Orleans, for funds to aid them in their ceaseless raid against this great public highway.

This much was necessary by way of preface to the reproduction of some of the facts developed in the recent trial in this city of Mr. J. W. Bissell, the active agent for several years of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, for an alleged conspiracy to burn the Rock Island bridge. We are well aware that Mr. Bissell is again under indictment for the same offence in another form, and we shall be careful in what we say to deal only in facts so as not to prejudice his case when it comes to trial. He was acquitted as we understand it, on a technicality under the charge of the Court that if the Jury believed the location of the bridge was not proved, they should find a verdict for the defendant. Hence we can review the main facts in the evidence, without impeaching the jury, or in any way affecting the rights of Mr. Bissell. Our duty to the great public interests at stake in the existence of this bridge will permit nothing less at our hands.

In order to remind the Chicago Board of Trade and our business men generally of what the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce have done to destroy their trade with Central Iowa, we reproduce a part of the testimony given on the trial of Bissell by Derrick A. Janney, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of that body having this matter in charge, as published in our paper on Friday, Dec. 14th. We bespeak for it a careful perusal, by every man who has an interest in the commerce of the city. Mr. Janney testified as follows:

I employed T. D. Lincoln, of Cincinnati, to investigate matters as he pleased and employed Ellis out to aid him; in the Effie Afton case Bissell was employed, I think, to collect evidence; I pay him, as Chairman of the Committee, $250 per month; it was more than three years ago that we commenced; twelve months ago I cut him down to half that, as the great mass of testimony had been got in, and there was not so much to do; in the Effie Afton case he was instructed to examine and see if he could find anything to weigh in the general evidence against the bridge; all the disbursements in the suit pass through his hands; we have spent a good deal of money on the suit—$25,000 I think; not only the Chamber of Commerce, but the city of St. Louis has put up $6,000. I have also appealed to New Orleans and other cities; I get the vouchers from Bissell for the disbursements; he draws it all; he paid Lincoln $1,000 and sent me Mr. Lincoln's receipt; has a general letter; I have relied upon Mr. Bissell; New Orleans has sent $1,700 or $1,800; it has all gone into Bissell's hands: did not know when I came here what they wanted of me; I came up at Mr. Bissell's request; some of the money is raised by steamboat owners and captains; Bissell has been authorized to receive sums of money and execute receipts; there were several books out and others besides Bissell collected money; my committee fully authorized him to use my discretion; I have never doubted Mr. Bissell's honesty; never had any money from Memphis; when cotton improves I intend to go there; Keokuk has been dull lic and hard run; if times improve I intend to go there; we got money from Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh; the pinery regions promise to do something; have not done much; Wheeling has a bridge; Louisville we did not go to; New Orleans was most liberal; promised us $5,000, didn't quite come up; up there they were pretty well; all these sums from every quarter have been passed through Bissell's hands.

Our Banks as They Are, and as They Ought to Be.

Editors Chicago Tribune:

All legitimate banking proceeds upon the hypothesis that the bank has money *to loan*. That the people may judge upon the legitimacy of our own system, and its consequent claim to public favor, let me for a moment photograph a picture of it into plain English, for your readers, as a bank of judgment.

We start out for granted that the honest yeomanry of the country really need to see a few facts placed before them to enable them to pass such a judgment as will be heard in our legislative halls upon the right side of the question. *First*, the whole theory of the law covers only the point of *security* to the bill holder. The *promise to pay* upon the face of the bills is a false pretense, and was so intended by the trio who concocted it. Secondly, Ex-Governor Matteson is supposed to be the *father* of it. The *son* and *spirit*, which composed the diabolical trinity in its perfection, are behind the scenes. Suffice it to say, they deceived the people, and hence the origin of the bill is well defined, whoever they may be. The *original law* allowed a circulation *equal to the amount of stocks put up*. That circulation, by the legerdemain of the law, was made to pay for the stocks, by being paid out for the farmer's grain, which was sent to New York for that purpose. Now who is the lender of money in this case, the banker or the people?

The banker makes a draft on the farmer's granary, in the shape of his bills, and claims that he is a public benefactor; (while he draws interest upon what he owes), because he was about to let the products of the grains to secure the debt, and supplied the country with a currency.

Bankers who are legitimate draw interest on *what they lend*. Ours, most of them, *draw interest on what they owe*, and twenty-five per cent in addition; for a large proportion of the bonds are put up at about eighty cents, and of course draw interest upon their face. If the stocks remain at the market value when put up, they are sure of the interest. If they rise they have the advantage of a Virginia and a Pennsylvania law, if they fall below that standard, the bill holder has no remedy upon the banker, in ninety cases in a hundred—the law winds up the concern, and after paying the expenses thereof, the bill holder gets the balance. The risk is all on one side, and the profit is all on the other, and the people being much in the position of a poor Indian, who had traded off a white man, upon the condition that they should divide the game when the hunt was over. The Indian killed a turkey, the white man killed a buzzard—and the question arose how they should divide them. The white man said to the Indian, "You take the buzzard, and I will take the turkey, or I will take the turkey and you may take the buzzard." The Indian remarked that the English language must be very bad, for it gave him the buzzard, which ever way the division was made. So our Bank law compels the people to furnish all the capital, and pocket all the loaning. With no share in the profits, but may be very potatoable to the public, and *interesting* to the bank—and to an outsider it looks very much one sided. Thus matters stood, till the law was amended, and the Banks were required to put up a margin of 10 per cent. above their circulation in stocks, making them lose that margin in case of depreciation in stocks below their circulation; and now over one-half of our currency is thus secured.

The rapidity with which money has been made in this kind of banking business, has had the effect to absorb all the active capital of the State, and, this fall, a large share of our shipments of produce; putting it into bank bills till we are actually overrun with a currency, which, in the main, no one is responsible for, and with nothing to represent it but those stocks.

This is a wretched state of things, at best, but with a panic, and depression in stocks, commercial and all other interests are made to suffer horribly; so much so, that jobbers and retailers of the first class declare that unless a change is effected for the better, in placing our wonderful economy upon a firm basis, they will leave the State.

We have long entertained the opinion that the present system would fall with its own over-weight, sooner or later, and in the present crisis we see the elements at work which must inevitably work its reformation, or its destruction, within the next twelve months.

In the first place, the public demand a change; secondly, the bankers themselves are aware that the rapid accumulation of the currency within the past two years, must ere long place the whole of it in jeopardy, even *without* legislation; hence it is for their interest to prevent any more accumulation of it, and if they can get legislation that will leave this vast field entirely clear for them to occupy, they may as well agree further to such modifications of the law as will satisfy the public that its preservation will be better *for them* than its slaughter. For instance, if the banks will all put up 10 per cent. margin—keep the amount of circulating notes *within the necessities of trade*—agree to contract specie at a reasonable discount, and stringent coercive legislation upon those who will not thus redeem; all of which it will be for their interest to do; if they want to do a legitimate business; then, if we mistake not, the public will be satisfied, and our currency will hereafter be as good as that of neighboring States. Of course, there are some wild-cat banks who could not comply with these regulations, but the probabilities are that such would pass into other hands, and become legitimate within six months after the passage of a law covering these points. The figures upon the ledgers of such banks are as follows, nothing more, nothing less:

	Dr.	Cr.
Stock Acc't.		
To cost of printing $100,000 bills, say	$ 250	
To cost of Stocks	100,000	
To cost of Exchange, say 1 per cent	1,000	
By bills for circulation		$100,000
Balance at day of opening against bank	1,250	
	$101,250	$101,250
To Balance	$1,250.00	
By 6 per cent. semi-an. int. on $125,000		$3,750.00
By 6 per cent. semi-an. int. on $125,000		3,750.00
By 1st. 10 per cent. 6 months 1st installment		187.50
Bal. in favor of bank at the end of the first year	$6,437.50	
	$7,687.50	$7,687.50

An investment of $1,250 clears in one year $6,737.50, and all *by law*—without a particle of capital.

Verily, law in Illinois, as applied to banking, is the philosopher's stone. Are not the people entitled to some part of those profits?

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THE KING'S HIGHWAY. By Rev. Richard Newton, author of "Rills from the Fountain of Life," and "Best Things."

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The above list of juvenilles have just reached us from the press of R. Carter & Bros. of New York. No publishing house in the country is more select in its issues than are the Carter's. The foregoing are choice books for the young, and both entertaining and instructive—just the kind for holiday presents from parent or teacher.

All the publications of this house are for sale here by Wm. G. Holmes, 170 Clark street, who has also all the books of the American Tract Society, with a general assortment of religious literature. He has a good assortment of standard works in fine bindings, suitable for presents.

PERSONAL.—Dr. John F. Daggett of Lockport, Will county, whose admirable letters from Pike's Peak have appeared in our columns from time to time for three months past, returned from the mines on Monday last. The Doctor gives a favorable account of the mineral wealth of the mining region; and we are glad to know that he has earned substantial fruits of his enterprise in going thither. The Doctor will spend the winter at home, and return to his quartz mill in the spring.

THE QUESTION OF THE DEY.

SOUND WORDS FROM A CONNECTICUT JURIST AND STATESMAN.

The Hartford *Courant* publishes an interesting letter from Judge Ellsworth of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, who has several times been Governor of the State, and is one of its most distinguished citizens. The letter is addressed to Hon. James Dixon, U. S. Senator from Connecticut. We make some extracts:

I believe the North intend to be faithful and true to the Constitution and the laws. If in fact they are not, and have really violated them so often, the South ought to be able to tell us wherein. If they proceed to do this, my firm belief that the North, on being convinced, will cheerfully and readily correct their errors. Declamation, however, is not what we want; that does not produce conviction; it has hitherto only deluded and excited the South, and astonished the North. We here, in New England, live to far North to be affected by words without proof, however much they are reiterated. We want argument—sound argument. We insist upon *facts* (as is said to be our habit) and before a successful appeal can be made by South Carolina to our consciences, to the God of armies, to the God of justice, and to the sympathy of the nations of the earth, these facts must be established, or else it is so and not South Carolina, that will stand approved before God and man.

Every day I meet in my walks gentlemen of great excellence and intelligence, who inquire, with amazement, what are the violations of the Constitution which the South complain of so much? I am obliged to say, I do not know, sir.

If it is the Fugitive Slave Law, and I hear of nothing else, let me say, if there be any wrong there it should be put right, and I have no doubt it would be. The *power* of Congress to provide for the restoration of fugitive slaves is in my opinion not an open question, and I doubt if there be a Judge in any of the higher Courts in New England, who has not avowed this opinion; and who it called upon officially, would uphold any unlawful obstruction to its execution. There are some unwise clauses in the law (wholly unnecessary to its efficiency) which ought to be erased from it, as being exceedingly offensive to a community of free and Christian people. But, as I have said, the power is after all given in the Constitution, and as a Judge, having been myself honored for many years with a seat on the highest Court in this State, I should endeavor to do my duly impartially in the premises, or relinquish my office. If its provisions are correct, it is the law of the land, and the Executive of the United States is sworn to see to its faithful execution. If in any case its provisions should be pronounced unconstitutional, the question could quietly be reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

If any of our States have conflict with the act of Congress, they are, of course, mere waste of paper, and every judge will be bound to pronounce them void. I have no doubt that the personal liberty bill of this State, (so called) and I speak more particularly of this bill, for I have not examined the laws of the other States, was passed in good faith by our Legislature, to guard against the exercise of a power liable to great abuse, and one that is odious to those who are not familiar with its use. It is a law to insure safety to free men, and not to thwart the arresting of those who are slaves.

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I fear, however, the Fugitive Slave Law is not the real grievance, certainly not with South Carolina and the Gulf States, for they have not lost a hundred slaves from the beginning of the government by reason of the non-execution of the Fugitive Slave Law. On the most mature consideration I can give, I am satisfied South Carolina looks to a separation of the Union as making Caucasian genius the rival of New York, and as carrying her and the South, at once, to an enviable distinction in all that exalts a people. But it is a delusion. I say it is a delusion. I must believe—a fatal delusion from which it is possible she may awake too late.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON ON SECESSION.

The following extract from a letter written by Thomas Jefferson, forty-five years ago, are highly appropriate and timely at the present moment:

In every free and deliberating society, there must, from the nature of man, be opposite parties, and violent dissensions and discords; and one of these, for the most part, must prevail over the other for a time, and a shorter time. Perhaps this party division's necessary to indnce each to watch and relate to the people the proceedings of the other. *But if, on a temporary superiority of the one party, the other is to resort to a secession of the Union, no federal government can ever exist.* If to rid ourselves of the present rule of Massachusetts and Connecticut we break the Union, will the evil stop there? Suppose the New England States alone cut off, will our natures be changed? Are we not men still to the south of that, and with all the passions of men? Immediately we shall see a Virginia and a Pennsylvania party arise in the residuary confederacy, and the public mind will be distracted by the same party spirit. What a game, too, will one party have in their hands, by eternally threatening the other that unless they do so and so they will join their northern neighbors. If we recede our Union to Virginia and North Carolina, immediately the conflict will be established between the representatives of these two States, and they will end by breaking into their simple units. Seeing, therefore, that an association of men who will not quarrel with one another is a thing which never yet existed, from the greatest confederacy of nations down to a town meeting, or a vestry; seeing that we must have somebody to quarrel with, I had rather keep our New England associates for that purpose, than see our bickerings transferred to others.

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"It is true that in the meantime we are suffering from the present state, and incurring the horrors of a war and long oppressions of enormous public debt. But would submit to all the evils of a session, and where and where would they end? Better keep together as we are, haul off from Europe as far as we can, and all attachment to any portion of it; and if they show their power just sufficiently to hoop up together the cord of our Union, it will be a bond of peace and permanent safety to us and our children. Weeding has had the effect to absorb all the active capital of the State, and, this fall, a large share of our shipments of produce; putting it into bank bills till we are actually overrun with a currency, which, in the main, no one is responsible for, and with nothing to represent it but those stocks.

Cockades.

A wandering Dismissnist from Yazoo, Miss., with a cockade, somewhat less in size than a saucer, on his hat, visited Mr. Lincoln at his rooms on Wednesday, and was courteously received. From the fellow's appearance, when he slunk out of Mr. Lincoln's presence, we are sure that he had a meaner opinion of himself than when he went in, though not a word was said which had the remotest reference to his impudence and treason. His cockade was the cognizance of the Secession Committee of Safety, and by means of it, and a few pointed questions addressed to him, he was not made aware of the disgust that he provoked.

Another one of the cockade tribe came up on the Central Road a few days since, as far as Urbana, where he attempted to buy corn. He was told to take that thing off his hat and show the color of his money and he could have all the corn he would pay cash for. He put the puckered ribbon out of sight, bought his car-load and went home an Union man.

After Them.

We understand that Porter, editor of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, and a number of friends, are in the wilds of Arkansas, on a hunting excursion. A committee of gentlemen left here to-day, for the purpose of "hunting them out."—*Memphis Avalanche.*

The individual to whom you allude, with some friends, did enjoy a two or three weeks hunting excursion in S uthern Missouri, near the Arkansas line, and while there met a number of residents; but as he encountered neither rumfian or blackguard during his stay, he is inclined to think your committee "failed to connect."—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

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Daily Arrival and Departure of Rail Trains.

Trains Depart.	Mails Close.	Trains Arrive.
MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.		
8.00 a. m.	10.00 p. m.	10.50 a. m.
5.30 p. m.	4.45 p. m.	11.00 p. m.
MICHIGAN CENTRAL.		
8.00 a. m.	10.00 p. m.	10.50 a. m.
5.30 p. m.	4.45 p. m.	11.00 p. m.
PITTSBURG, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO.		
8.30 a. m.	10.00 p. m.	8.00 a. m.
5.30 p. m.	4.45 p. m.	5.30 p. m.
SOUTH AND WEST.		
CHICAGO AND ROCK ISLAND.		
8.45 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.45 a. m.
11.45 p. m.	9.00 p. m.	5.15 p. m.
DIXON AIR LINE.		
11.40 a. m.	10.00 a. m.	4.10 a. m.
8.00 p. m.	No mail.	5.40 p. m.
ILLINOIS CENTRAL—BRANCH.		
9.15 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.30 a. m.
8.00 p. m.	5.30 p. m.	8.00 p. m.
BURLINGTON AND QUINCY.		
7.15 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.45 a. m.
11.45 p. m.	9.00 p. m.	5.15 p. m.
ALTON AND ST. LOUIS.		
9.15 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.30 a. m.
8.00 p. m.	7.30 p. m.	8.40 p. m.
NORTH AND WEST.		
GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION.		
11.40 a. m.	10.00 a. m.	8.45 a. m.
8.30 p. m.	7.00 p. m.	3.00 p. m.
NORTH WESTERN.		
12.45 p. m.	11.00 a. m.	12.20 p. m.
5.00 p. m.	4.30 p. m.	4.45 p. m.
MILWAUKEE.		
7.45 a. m.	4.00 a. m.	11.31 p. m.
12.30 p. m.	11.00 a. m.	5.00 p. m.

SCIENTIFIC AND EXCURSIVE.

A Veritable Account of the Scientific Excursion to Ann Arbor.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

THE DEPARTURE.

The morning of the 19th dawned auspiciously for the excursionists, if we except a strong northeast wind and a drizzling rain. The sun was just lifting his head above the waves of Lake Michigan, according to the almanac, but was invisible to the naked eye, owing to certain murky clouds which hung like a pall on the horizon, when the venerable members of the Chicago Academy of Natural Sciences assembled at the Central Depot. Groups of adjuring friends gathered round them, anxious concerning the physical perils they were about to encounter, albeit exultant over the immense accessions soon to inure to the cause of science. At length the signal was given and the train, as if conscious of its precious freight, moved majestically from the depot.

GLIMPSES OF SCIENCE.

The first object of scientific interest was the packed ice on the breakwater and the mush outside. The President proceeded to call the attention of the assem to the analogies between these accumulations and the glaciers and floes of the Arctic sea. He next spoke of the important part which ice plays in the economy of Nature, and next of the chemical affinities which take place when it is brought into ultimate union with certain alcoholic mixtures, and the effect of those mixtures upon the animal tissues of the stomach. He proposed to verify his observations by clinical demonstration if any of his brother savans were provided with instruments for the experiment. Whereupon twenty-three complete sets of the implements necessary, simultaneously appeared from the twenty-three pockets of the twenty-three brother savans around, and the experiment was satisfactorily tried on.

BUFFALO.

Arrived at New Buffalo, the train paused for half an hour for the party to examine the evidences of volcanic action which are here displayed on a stupendous scale.

EARTHQUAKES, IF ANYTHING.

To General S. belongs the honor of having first pointed them out. Under his guidance the members ascended one of the loftiest of the numerous sand-hills that line the coast. He demonstrated that these accumulations, vulgarly called "sand dunes," and supposed to be the result of the joint agency of wind and water, are volcanic sands, ejected from below. And that the mines and pond-holes are true volcanic craters. While thus occupied, a low, rumbling, subterranean noise was heard in the distance, which continued to increase in volume, and soon, at least, full distinct vibrations in the earth under their feet. It is much to be regretted that just at this juncture a long freight train approached the station, which effectually put a stop to further observations. If they had had more time here the result of their examinations into these wonderful volcanic eruptions might have proved a great safeguard to the neighboring city of Chicago—perhaps diverting dangers in the future greater in their consequence to that modern Herculaneum, even than has been the rivalry of New Buffalo in the past.

ANN ARBOR.

Upon arriving at Ann Arbor in the early evening, the party was met by a committee on behalf of the citizens of the place. The depot and station grounds were tastefully ornamented by Chinese lanterns, blue and Bengal lights; while a magnificent shower of rockets notified the inhabitants that their distinguished guests had arrived. Many of the warehouses and private residences were illuminated; while the Ann Arbor city mills, on the opposite side of the Huron River, were a perfect blaze of light. Those superb structures had been selected by the committee as quarters for their visitors. All the machinery and motive power had been moved, and most luxuriant accommodations provided. The exterior decorations were exceedingly brilliant. On the front, presented to the station, was a large transparency showing a rising sun, emblematic of science, with the motto below, "*Semper Fulget.*"

Prof. B—— welcomed the party in a short speech of glowing eloquence, stating that Ann Arbor had long regarded with parental interest the exertions made by Chicago in the cause of science; there geologists, paleontologists, botanists, chemists and philosophers had a world-wide reputation; and on behalf of the citizens of Ann Arbor he was proud to take them by the hand.

Prof. R—— responded. He said he would be happy to die in the cause of science. Science was a trump; he was proud of his Milton, Velvet, Brussels, Tapestry, Three-Ply, Superfine Ingrain, Extra Fine Ingrain, Cotton and Wool Ingrain, Wool Dutch, Scotch Hemps, Felt, Venetian, Tapestry Ingrain, Rag, Brussels and Stair Carpetings, all of the greatest variety, prices and patterns; comprising the most recent and most desirable assortment ever before opened in Chicago, and which they offer at the lowest possible prices.

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body else, on every subject presented; but the question was finally put to vote, when it was decided, by an overwhelming majority, that the rounded appearance of the boulders was due to the active logging business carried on during the season of A. D. 1836.

Dr. B. remarked that the floes were not quite as profuse as it had been three months since. If such a wonderful decrease had taken place in so short a period, by looking into the past ages and taking the same ratio of decrease down to the carboniferous period, we could faintly appreciate the gigantic size of the vegetation then existing. But the theme utterly overpowered him.

Rev. Dr. B—— thought history would yet immortalize that system of scwerage, if it were found be indicated to get through with the earlier incidents connected with the infant metropolis. He wished to call the attention of the academy to a tablet of their wood, apparently "*Juniperus Virginiana*," whereupon were distinctly visible the letters T. O. B., and a little further on the letter G. which the Reverend Doctor considered to be probably the original manuscript of some Indian Shakspear, who wrote the soliloquy of Hamlet, "To be or not to be," perch once long ago before the English Bard of Avon lived and sang.

But we cannot longer on the learned conversations and discourses, our readers will soon find them in the archives of the academy.

VESTIGIA RETRORSUM.

Early yesterday morning, the party started on its return. The same delightful weather continued, but all Ann Arbor was plunged in deepest grief. It was said by all-unnatural stranger excepting Chicago, that the place was threatened by famine unless speedily relieved. He was not a scientific man, however, and had never tasted the Heavenly manna. Little or nothing did occur during the latter portion of the route. The academy was plunged into meditation. Its wives and sisters were plunged into indigestion. All the committees were overwhelmed in digesting their respects. They felt exultant in the privileges which had been vouchsafed to them, *particularly for the weather*, but were yet subdued by the responsibilities which they felt to be resting upon them. All were more firmly devoted to science than ever before.

ONE OF THEM.

IN WINTER QUARTERS.

[Prepared by Lyel R. Raymond of Rae, & Co., No. 10, Dole's Building.]

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Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1860.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, 1860.

To-day has been decidedly the most cheerful day of the week. The European news, published by us this morning, had a stimulating effect upon the grain and provision market, the particulars of which will be found in the commercial column. The continued large exports from New York are reducing rapidly the surplus placed there before the close of navigation, and present prospects warrant the conclusion that heavy drafts will be made by rail upon the West before spring opens. The following from the New York *Courier and Enquirer* of the 19th inst. will bear reputation here:

The exports for the week past exceed a value of three and a half millions of dollars, and include foreign goods, principally sugars, to an unusual extent. But the export of domestic produce has been on a continuation of the grand scale heretofore alluded to—for instance, the exports of clover seed, as apparently insignificant article, are no less than of about one hundred thousand dollars. There were also 63,000 brls flour, of which about 28,000 brls to Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Bristol; 760,000 lbs wheat, 319,000 lbs corn, 300 brls beef, 78,000 lbs bacon, 450,000 lbs lard, over 2,000 lbs cheese, 270,000 lbs butter, 10,500 bales cotton, 18,000 brls naval stores, and 1,120,000 lbs tallow, besides other articles, such as oil cake, &c., in large quantities.

The export of breadstuffs has been greatly in excess of the receipts, and it will, if continued, soon exhaust the supplies at this market, especially in wheat. Corn, although in the heavy supply than wheat, is not so much wanted, and yet the requirements of Liverpool have been liberal. Flour is in small stock, but supplies can be kept up by means of the railroads.

The freighting business on the lines of our railways seaward has become more active already, and should the European demand continue, we may look for lively times as soon as the holidays are over. Our four great Eastern lines are equal to almost any emergency. It is withal cheering to know that we must can honor drafts on her for flour, grain, pork, beef, lard and provisions of all kinds, to almost an unlimited extent, and still ask for more. Unless some unforeseen event should occur there are better times for the exchange market in store not many weeks hence.

Another significant fact deserves notice. South Carolina has passed the ordinance of Secession; but *stocks are better*. The New York market is firm with an advance of from 1 to 3 ₱ cent. This news will surely disappoint the traitors of South Carolina, who have fondly hoped that every thing would go to "*eternal smash*" when they went out of the Union. If they would go, bag and baggage, beyond the seas, or to a country said to have a navy warm climate beneath them, stocks would rise ten per cent, on the announcement of the joyful news. Treason would then have no cesspool in which to hatch its brood of horrors. The country has begun to think that these "horrors" don't amount to much after all, as the movements of the New York Stock Board to-day show.

Several of our bankers report a more active demand for currency. Large discounts have been made to reliable houses, payable here. This is a new feature in the packing business, for bankers have heretofore been able to require payment in New York at the close of the exchange market has determined operators to remain inactive, and hence large amounts of currency have lain in the vaults of the banks perfectly useless. There are indications to-day that the packers have carried their point, and all parties feel the better that business begins to move. Specie is, as yet, comparatively speaking, it is scarcely perceptible. The rates of discoun. as far as they have transpired are 10 per cent.

Exchange is still close. The price to customers is 10 per cent; and about 10¼@¼ offered to customers. We observe a more cheerful feeling and less anxiety to see the large remittances of the 1st and 4th of January, so near at hand, we should look for a decline next week. In other respects the demand is not so pressing.

Gold buying at 9, selling at 10 ₱ cent. Demand light.

PREMIUM AND UNCURRENT MONEY.

The following are the closing rates of P. Gran ger Adams, Esq., No. 44 Clark street, editor of the Chicago *Bank Note List*, for currency, exchange, &c.:

	BUYING.	SELLING.
Exchange on New York.....	*Prem.*	*Prem.*
N. Y. S. & W. solvent Bank Notes...	9	10
Ohio, Ky., Ia. & Ind. Bank Notes...	5	6
Mich. & Canada.....	do	.6
New Jersey & Iowa.....	do	.5
Penn., Md. and Free Ind.	do	.5
Gold.....		1
Va., North & South Carolina & Mo....	Par.	
Ga., Ala., and old Tenn. Banks.....	Par.	

UNCURRENT MONEY.

	Dis.
Discredited Illinois Banks.....	20@30
Block Banks of Tennessee.....	
CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—The *Gazette* of yesterday reports an easier money market. It says:	

There is money enough, but the thing is to keep it within immediate reach. But as remarked, the appearance of things continues to improve, both in financial and commercial matters, and rates are particularly exhibited an increased disposition today to go ahead with business.

The market was fully supplied with New York exchange, and rates were heavy though not lower. The offering of produce checks was quite liberal, and these par or more to become quite liberal, as Eastern merchants who have been allowed to operated very sparingly in pork, are beginning to make purchases freely. There was a slightly improved feeling in Baltimore and Philadelphia, but rates were unchanged. New Orleans scarce and firm, the demand being in advance of the supply. Gold dull at 1¼@¾ premium. Bankers are buying and selling at times bills sight, on which, it may be said, there has been no market for two days past. No. 1 Ohio Bank on New York sold to-day at 9 dis.

Illinois and Wisconsin currency is still quoted at 25 per cent. discount.

PITTSBURGH.—The *Gazette* of yesterday says:—In the money market there is but little change. All our banks (save the Bank of Pittsburgh) are still suspended, and currency remains as before. Exchange on New York is quoted at 5 per cent. prem. The weekly bank statements exhibit a falling off in deposits and an increase of circulation.

BOSTON.—The *Atlas and Bee* of Wednesday has the following:

Money was easier than it had been since the outbreak of the panic, and with but little demand. The banks are discounting pretty freely, and there yesterday no very great open market pressure. The report from the Clearing House of a specie gain of nearly $70,000 gave a boost to the market, and considerable confidence is manifested in financial circles. But as everybody now believes that the crisis has reached its turning point, matters will soon be on the mending hand.

Business of every description continues very much depressed.

The *Journal* quotes Copper stocks as follows:

Copper stocks were more active. Minnesota advanced to 65, closing firm; Pittsburg advanced to 50, closing firm; Isle Royale was steady at 45¾ bid; Portage showed a ¼ bid; Hancock steady at 43¾ bid; Central was firmer at 43¾@44; Franklin was steady at 8¾, closing dull and nominal; Hancock was steady at 11¾; old Minnesota was in demand and Pontiac at 8¾; Franklin was firm at 19; Copper Falls was offered at 8; Wisconsin was in demand at 5¾; National 25 for Quincy, 15¾ for Rockland, and 1¾ for Superior.

CANADA BANKS.—The November report of the Canada banks show the following figures: circulation $2,990,193; specie $3,017,922; loans $38,996,605; exhibiting a decline in the month in circulation of $1,117,217; again in specie of $4,547; and an increase in the discounts of $1,180,600. Compared with the statement for the same month last year, there is an increase in the circulation of $2,143,796, and a gain in specie of $1,461,626.

NEW ORLEANS.—We quote as follows from the *Delta* of Tuesday:

Business of every kind has been considerably restricted to-day, and the movement has disclosed no change in any department that calls for special notice. Some of the Banks operated lightly in new paper, but a majority of them limited their transactions to renewals for regular customers and to small purchases of exchange. There was no letup whatever noticeable in the demand for sight exchange and of course, when the amount of income to be divided was thus unfavorably disproportionate to the public wants, a large number of applicants had to be, as usual, disappointed. On the street there was no market for any description of security, and financial interests for the time were wholly suspended. A foreign exchange was in moderate request throughout the day, but as sales are still confined to short figures, buyers manifested less disposition to operate, and sales indicated a falling off as compared with previous returns. Some few lots of commercial bills, however, at 9¾@10 and 10¼, but the offerings embraced a range from 9@10¼. The latter, however, was an exceptional figure.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—FLOUR—Favorable accounts per the Pulton has imparted better feeling to the flour market, and there is a moderate export and home consumption; prices advanced fully 10c per brl. Sales 11,500 brls at $4.90@5.00 for superfine; $5.20@5.30 for extra state; $4.90@5.00 for superfine western; $5.20@5.40 for common to medium extra western; $5.30@5.40 for shipping brands of extra round hoop Ohio. Canadian flour has also advanced with moderate demand. Sales 400 brls at $5.35@7.00 for common to choice extra. Rye flour is selling in small parcels at $3.90@4.00 for common to choice super. Corn meal held a little higher, with moderate business doing.

WHEAT—Without material change and in moderate request. Sales 150 brls at 1¾@18.

GRAIN.—Wheat advanced 2@3c per bush with moderate export demand. Shippers are not doing much round hoop Ohio. Canadian flour has also advanced with moderate demand. Sales 400 brls at $5.35@7.00 for common to choice extra. Rye is selling in small parcels at $3.90@4.00 for common to choice super. Corn meal held a little higher, with moderate business doing.

WHISKY—Without material change and in moderate request. Sales 150 brls at 17¾@18.

GRAIN.—Wheat advanced 2@3c per bush with moderate export demand. Shippers are not doing much round hoop Ohio. Canadian flour has also advanced with moderate demand. Sales 400 brls at $5.35@7.00 for common to choice extra. Rye flour